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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest chaplain, the Reverend Barbara D. Henry, of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington.

### PRAYER

The guest chaplain, the Reverend Barbara D. Henry, of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Almightly and everlasting God, Creator of the universe with all its marvelous order and complexity; You have made us in Your image and given us dominion over all the Earth. Give us reverence for all Your creation—for the Earth which supports us, for all the myriad forms of life which inhabit this planet, and especially for the wonderful diversity of people and cultures in this world.

Give to all those who hold authority in this land, we pray, an awareness of the many blessings You have bestowed upon them. May our Senators be blessed, in all their deliberations, with ever new insight into Your purposes for the human race, and with wisdom and determination in making provisions for the future of our Nation. Direct and guide them in their words, which are heard by so many, and in their decisions, which will affect so many.

For You, O God, are the source of all wisdom, all power, all grace, and we give You glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, this morning following the time for the two leaders, the time until 10:30 will be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees for debate on the motion to invoke cloture on the constitutional balanced budget amendment.

For the information of all our colleagues, at the hour of 10:30 this morning, there will be a rolcall on invoking cloture on the balanced budget amendment.

I now ask unanimous consent that at the hour of 10 a.m., Senator DASCHLE be recognized for up to 15 minutes, to be followed by Senator DOLE for up to 15 minutes.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. I further ask, Mr. President, that Senators have until 10:30 this morning to file any second-degree amendments to House Joint Resolution 1, the constitutional balanced budget amendment.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I would like to observe once again, as the leader pointed out last night, he did file cloture motions last night. Two of them were filed. Those would ripen or be available next Wednesday, the 22d, and the leader indicated that we should expect votes on those two cloture motions, if necessary to have the second one, and other amendments during that day unless some other agreement is reached. I yield the floor.

### RECOGNITION OF DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Democratic leader is recognized.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the President pro tempore. I wish him a good morning.

(Mr. COVERDELL assumed the chair.)

### COMMITMENT TO HONEST BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, the first legislative action I took when I came to Congress in 1979 was to introduce a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget.

I believed 16 years ago, as I believe today, that Government must learn to live within its means. I believed then, as I believe now, that we must trim the fat, cut the waste, and make the tough choices necessary to control spending.

I supported a balanced budget amendment then and I remain committed to an honest, fair, and forthright amendment now.

However, I have concluded I cannot support the one which is now being pushed through the body, without amendment or compromise.

The magnitude of the decision about how we propose to amend the Constitution should not be lost on anyone. A balanced budget amendment, if passed and ratified, will have a dramatic effect on the very nature of government and its relationship to the American people in all perpetuity. We cannot come back next year or next Congress and clean up our mistakes.

When we embark on such a path—to amend the Constitution—we must know that it is the best amendment we can write, that it incorporates the best ideas and the most carefully written words we have to offer.

It is critical now, as we contemplate amending the Constitution for only the 28th time, that we refuse to succumb to the notion that what we do is, as the old adage goes, "good enough for Government work."

This effort had a noble beginning. It was the result of the tireless work of the Senator from Illinois, the Senator

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